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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/30/05	04/23/05
Broiler/fryer	164,965	166,939
Light hens	1,759	1,700
Heavy hens	1,350	1,411

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	232	0	232
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	215	7	222
Same week yr ago	228	4	232
To-date/2005	4,655	18	4,673
To-date/2004	3,917	52	3,969

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,883	1,466	3,349
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,902	1,418	3,320
Same week yr ago	1,652	1,254	2,906
To-date/2005	29,035	21,307	50,342
To-date/2004	24,675	20,272	44,947

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117
Avg Wt	5.33	3.30	8.07	5.54
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,035	1,687	1,411	3,098
Same wk yr ago	156,011	1,424	1,250	2,674
Avg Wt	5.20	3.26	7.75	5.36
To-date/2005	2,508,776	24,380	21,289	45,669
To-date/2004	2,453,097	20,758	20,220	40,978

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.1 million head or 3.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,465	18,311	53,607
Avg Weight	3.69	4.62	6.31
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%
Last week	28,728	20,718	49,838
Avg Weight	3.64	4.69	6.34
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,491	24,749	44,262
Avg Weight	3.75	4.70	6.44
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
To date/2005	413,613	313,042	718,400
To date/2004	391,543	330,307	657,318

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,646	2,639	15	1	4,301
Avg Wt	16.19	37.89	25.55	31.40	29.54
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132
Same wk yr ago	1,743	2,527	52	2	4,324
Avg Wt	16.13	37.32	25.47	35.84	28.63
To-date/2005	24,807	40,294	370	50	65,521
To-date/2004	27,053	39,494	727	123	67,397

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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